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1. THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE OPPOSITION CONTINUE TO
REITERATE PUBLICLY THEY ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE
REP
OCESSING PLANT SALE. JUNE 21 PAKISTAN TIMES HAS
SOMEWHAT MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF BHUTTO'S COMMENTS ON
REPROCESSING WHILE VISITING UAE THAN REPORTED REFTEL. THE
ARTICLE STATES THAT THE PM MADE IT CLEAR THAT PAKISTAN
WOULD ACQUIRE THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND HAD NO INTENTION
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OF GIVING IT UP. HE ADDED IT WAS A "SETTLED DECISION OF THE PEOPLE'S
PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE OPPOSITION
DID NOT MENTION THE PLANT DURING THE LAST ELECTION CAMPAIGN-
WHICH WAS SIGNIFICANT-BUT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL GO AHEAD
WITH THE PURCHASE.

2. WHILE ADDRESSING A PUBLIC MEETING JUNE 20 NEAR RAWALPINDI,

MALIK QASIM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE-ONE OF THE NINE CONSTITUENT PARTIES IN THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA)- SAID THAT THE OPPOSITION WILL ATTEMPT TO ACQUIRE THE REPROCESSING PLANT WHEN IT COMES TO POWER AND THAT THE PLANT WILL BE USED FOR "PEACEFUL PURPOSES." HE ADDED THAT THE PNA IS AWARE THAT SOME "ARAB BROTHERS" HAVE ALREADY MADE PAYMENTS FOR THE PLANT AND, REPEATING THE STANDARD PNA LINE, SAID THAT THE DELAY IN ITS DELIVERY IS DUE TO BHUTTO'S FAILURE TO CONVINCE THE BIG POWERS OF HIS PEACEFUL INTENT.

3. VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE TO ATTACK THE US FOR ITS REPROCESSING STEND. A PROMINENT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION IN KARACH , THE MOTAMAR EL-ALAM AL-ISLAMI WHICH ENCOURAGES GREATER COOPERATION AMONG ISLAMIC STATES, IN A RECENT STATEMENT ACCUSED THE US OF OPPOSING THE PLANT UNDER "ZIONIST PRESSURE." THE STATEMENT ECHOS MANY OF THE USUAL CHARGES INCLUDING A RECITATION OF SOME OF THE AMERICAN "THREATS" AGAINST PAKISTAN.

4. USINFO H 211020Z JUN 77, MEDIA REACTION JUNE 21, INCLUDES A FAIRLY REPRESENTATIVE EDITORIAL ON THE REPROCESSING ISSUE WHICH WAS CARRIED IN PPP-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPER MUSAWAAT. AMONG OTHER CHARGES, THE EDITORIAL FLOATS THE INCREASINGLY HEARD CONTENTION THAT THERE IS A HINDU-JEWISH-CHRISTIAN CONSPIRACY TO DEPRIVE THE MUSLIM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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